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AND IMPROVED LIVE ATTENUATED NEWCASTLE DISEASE VACCINES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application No. PCT/US00/06700, filed May 5, 2000, which claims priority from US Provisional Application Serial Nos. 60/132,597, filed May 5, 1999 and 60/171,072, filed December 16, 1999, the entire specification claims and drawings of each are incorporated herewith by reference. --

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